## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: Q96545 In re application of Hideaki TANAKA, et al. Appln. No.: National Stage of PCT/JP2005/003201 Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned Examiner: Not yet assigned Filed: August 24, 2006 BLADE PLANTING METHOD, TIRE CURING METAL MOLD, AND BLADE For: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.....2 REMARKS.....4